

# GRAY WATER

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE GRAY WATER DISCHARGE

- Soaps from boat sinks, showers, and dishwashers are more harmful than those at home because they do not get treated in a sanitary sewer system when discharged from your boat. Do as much cleaning at shoreside facilities as possible.
- Choose phosphate-free biodegradable soaps.
- Use more “elbow grease” and as little cleaning product as possible.
- Rinse and scrub your boat with fresh water after each trip.
- Use tarps or canvas boat covers to keep boat clean between trips and reduce the amount of cleaning you need to do.

### Information about clean boating and gray water

#### California Coastal Commission

(800) COAST4U  
[www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov)

#### California Department of Boating and Waterways

(888) 326-2822  
[www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov)

#### Earth's 911

(800) CLEANUP  
[www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

#### National Clean Boating Campaign

[www.cleanboating.org](http://www.cleanboating.org)



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